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SUBJ: BRZEZINSKI VISIT: PRESS COMMENTARY

1. SUMMARY. HEAVY PRESS COMMENTARY FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT
OF ZB VISIT TO SEOUL STRESSES 1) HIGH LEVEL NATURE OF VISIT;
2) TIMING; AND 3) ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED, PARTICULARLY
TIRPARTITE PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. LEVEL OF VISIT. PRESS STRESSES SIGNIFICANCE OF ZB'S
POSITION AS PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS. PAPERS POINT OUT KOREA HAS BEEN/WILL BE BY-PASSED
BY SEC VANCE AND VICE PRES MONDALE. CHOSUN ILBO
SAYS VISIT WILL AFFORD ROK A "CHANCE TO GET ANSWERS" FROM
A TOP ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL (RATHER THAN BEING ASKED
QUESTIONS). PRESS PLAYS UP VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY FOR TOP-
LEVEL US OFFICIAL TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND APPRECIATION OF
KOREAN SITUATION -- "SEEING IS BELIEVING" (SINA ILBO).
SOME PAPERS PICTURE ZB AS "REALIST" AS OPPOSED TO
"IDEALIST" VANCE. CHUNGANG ILBO HAS BILLED ZB AS THE
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"KISSINGER OF CARTER WHITE HOUSE". THE JAPAN SOCIETY
SPEECH PROMPTED A KOREAN FEELING THAT ZB MAY BE THE KEY
ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SUPPORTING CONTINUANCE OF US AS
PACIFIC/ASIAN POWER.

3. TIMING. PRESS STRESSES TIMING OF STOP IN SEOUL WHICH
WILL FOLLOW TITO, CEAUSESCU, FUKUDA WASHINGTON TRIPS; HUA

AND CEAUSESCU P'YONGYANG VISITS; AND ZB HIMSELF RETURNING FROM DISCUSSION IN PEKING AND TOKYO. KOREA HERALD SUMMARIZES THAT THE TIMING "WILL ENABLE BRZEZINSKI TO TIE TOGETHER ALL THE IDEAS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN PRODUCED DURING ALL THE PRE-SCHEDULED CRISS-CROSS TRAVELS".

4. ISSUES. ALL PRESS ASSUME KOREA WILL BE HIGH ON ZB'S AGENDA IN PEKING, THAT HE WILL SOUND OUT PRC'S POSITION TOWARD KOREAN PENINSULA AND PRC KNOWLEDGE OF DPRK INTENTIONS, AND THAT HE WILL RELAY THIS INFORMATION BACK TO SEOUL. TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL PREDOMINATES PRESS SPECULATION AS ITEM TO BE DEALT WITH IN PEKING. 4/29 KOREAN PRESS PICKED UP MAINICHI ARTICLE UNDER HEADING "3-WAY KOREA PARLEY BRZEZINSKI BRAINCHILD". PRESS SPECULATES OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN SEOUL WILL INCLUDE TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLAN, POWER BALANCE IN NE ASIA AND PENDING US/ROK BILATERAL ISSUES (RUNNING THE GAMUT FROM PTS CASE TO BLUE HOUSE BUGGING ALLEGATIONS). ALL IN ALL, PRESS EXPECTS THIS VISIT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AND IMPORTANT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VARIETY OF ISSUES.

5. COMMENT: KOREAN LOCALITIS RE ZB HAS REACHED POINT WHERE ONE COULD CONCLUDE THAT ONLY REASON FOR TRIP TO PEKING IS TO DISCUSS KOREAN ISSUE. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO BRING REALITY INTO LOCAL VIEW, BUT AT THIS POINT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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